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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Knut IRGUM et al.

Serial No. (unknown)

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A CHROMATOGRAPHY METHOD AND A COLUMN
MATERIAL USEFUL IN SAID METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified applica-
tion as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-14 as originally filed.

Add new claims 15-27.

--15.(New) A sorbent suitable for use as a
stationary phase in elution chromatography, the core of said
sorbent consisting (or) an organic resin and said sorbent having
a plurality of covalently bonded non-aromatic wwitterionic
groups on its surface.--

--16.(New) A sorbent according to claim 15,
characterized in that the sorbent comprises a porous
carrier.--

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